

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first paragraph on page 17 of the specification with the following:

Although computer system 100 is shown in FIG. [[1]] 5 as being connectable to one server, 130, those skilled in the art will recognize that computer system 100 can establish connections to multiple servers on Internet 128. Furthermore, the computer system 100 is one that can be configured to perform the function of (an X.500 or an LDAP) directory server as will be explained in the following.

Please replace the last paragraph on page 48 of the specification with the following:

Referring to FIG. 23, an indirect CoS scheme 2300 contains a CoS Definition Entry 2310, which contains a CoS specifier X and a list of attributes. This CoS specifier X is an attribute such as manager that points to another entry, which could be any entry or another target entry. This list of attributes could include, for example, a fax number attribute that is shared by all the persons in a particular group managed by that manager. Three target entries A, B and C are shown in FIG. 23. Of these entries, C could be a manager of the group. Entry A uses indirect CoS to take on the values for certain attributes, such as fax number, from A's manager, i.e., target entry C. Note that in order for this to be possible, the value given to the CoS specifier X 2350 in A's entry must be a valid DN, in this case, the DN of the manager entry C. FIG. 24 shows an example of an indirect CoS. In this example each person's entry will inherit "accounting code" from their manager's entry. When an employee moves to another department, and thereby his manager changes, accounting codes automatically change to the correct new value when an employee's manager attribute changes.